(d) if not, the reasons for putting the funds on hold if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The damages occurred due to heavy rains during last year on National Highways-5 and National Highway-6 in the State of Orissa have been got repaired out of the available resource. At present, these National Highways are in traffic worthy condition.

(c) and (d) The total amount of funds released to the State of Orissa during last four financial years, for the development of NH roads and bridges/overbridges are given below:—

(Rs. in crore)

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
436.91	273.83	233.37	283.11

Tenure of NHAI Chairman

1139. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not a fact that Government has changed five Chairmen in a span of two and half years in the NHAI resulting in pathetic performance of National Highway Development Project (NHDP) in the country;

(b) whether it is also not a fact that the Delhi High Court has taken a strong exception to frequent changing of the Chairman of the NHAI;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for Government not fixing the tenure of the NHAI as has been done recently in the case of AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The length of National Highways completed under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) by NHAI as shown below does not indicate pathetic performance during the last two and half hears.

Year	Completed Length (in kms.)
2006-07	635
2007-08	1668
2008-09	1879

(b) and (c) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in a Writ Petition (Civil) No. 6419/2008 titled as Madhucon Project (P) Ltd. and Another *vs.* Union of India and Another *vide* its order dated 16.12.2008, *inter alia*, opined that only those officers should be appointed to the post of Chairman

who are likely to act in that capacity for a substantial time. It has also been suggested to examine the feasibility of incorporation of statutory provisions with regard to three to five years fixed tenure of Chairman.

(d) The Government has already approved a proposal for restructuring of the NHAI which includes provision for tenure of three years for the Chairman, National Highways Authority of India which can be extended upto five years.

Four-laning

1140. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the National Highways in the State of Jharkhand which are proposed to be converted to four-lanes under the much acclaimed scheme of four-laning; and

(b) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The details of the National Highways (NH) in the State of Jharkhand which are proposed to be converted to four-lanes under the scheme of four-laning and their present status are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of regarding four-laning

Scheme	Stretch	NH No.	Length in Km.	Present Status
NHDP (Phase-III)	Barhi-Hazaribagh	33	40	Bids for preparation of feasibility study invited. Consultancy award under process.
	Hazaribagh-Ranchi	33	75	Request for proposal (RFP) invited
	Ranchi-Jamshedpur	33	150	Request for Qualification (RFQ) invited and under evaluation.
Non NHDP Stretches	Jamshedpur-Kharagpur	33 and 6	128	Award of consultancy services for feasibility study is under process.
	Barhi-Baktiyarpur	31	48	Bids for consultancy service for feasibility study has been received.